

HONOUR FOR IAN



Rundle receives a table lighter from Wycombe Wanderers manager Brian Lee for 10 years' service.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS' veteran defender Ian Rundle received a special presentation of a table lighter at the club's dinner on Friday at the Brickmakers Arms, Wheeler End.

Making the presentation, manager Brian Lee told over 100 members and guests of the "great amount of work this player has done for the club. Ian is a manager's dream, in or out of the team he is never different. Although not one of the greatest craftsmen, he always gives 100 per cent and is a real manager's player.

"The players and committee decided to do something for Ian Rundle's 10 years with the club. The hallmark of his career was representing the South of England and he has also won county honours. Ian has been a real stalwart with the club and has always been 101 per cent behind me. This season was dreadful for him as he hardly played at all, but when he did come back, he gave a performance at right-back that almost brought tears to my eyes."

Ian was given a standing ovation when receiving his award.

Secretary of the Rothmans Isthmian League, Mr. Ingram Whittingham, was one of the guest speakers and he mentioned the wonderful achievements of the club last season.

"League champions for the third year out of four, most goals scored, 11 three goal wins and Tony Horseman the top league goalscorer. On top of this, you had only one caution. This is a magnificent achievement and

truly matches the ideals of the Rothmans scheme."

Paying tribute to the club's officers, Mr. Whittingham said: "Your chairman Jack Smethurst has done a wonderful job for the club and has the support of an excellent committee. You have a first class manager in Brian Lee together with John Reardon.

"Your supporters are the finest in the league, there's no question about that and it is your success that has led to this."

Replying, chairman Mr. Jack Smethurst told the members that any success over the seasons had been due to team spirit. He added, "We have had a very successful season surrounded by people who created an atmosphere resembling a happy family."

Internationally known cartoonist and Wycombe vice-president, Mr. David Langdon, welcomed the guests including the Mayor and Mayoress of High Wycombe, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lay and Oxford United manager, Mr. Gerry Summers.

Mr. Summers said that although he had only seen Wycombe occasionally he felt they were a well organised outfit, very fit and it was no surprise to him they kept winning trophies. He added: "The people behind the scenes are the life blood of any club — particularly outside league football. There is a tremendous spirit running through this club."

DRAMATIC DECLINE

WYCOMBE Wanderers Supporters Club, whose membership has dropped from over 2,000 four years ago to a meagre 187, are to run an intensive publicity campaign at the start of the next football season, it was revealed at the club's annual meeting at Loakes Park on Wednesday.

Blaming this dramatic decline on the recent formation of the Blues Social Club, Mr. Ron Fisher, Supporters Club chairman, said that the figure of 187 was most disappointing, considering the number of people

who watched Wycombe every week.

Mr. Fisher stressed that only members of the Supporters Club would be able to utilise the special privileges at away grounds. He appealed to members — there were only 20 present — to help with a membership drive in August.

Turning to the accounts, Mr. Fisher said that for the first time in four years, the Supporters Club made a slight profit on the year. The reason for this was the donation to Wycombe

Wanderers of £800, compared to £1,500 the previous year.

He thanked all the members for their help at the sales points, tea bars and kiosks. These made a profit of £100 more than the previous 12 months. Mr. Fisher apologised for the price of products, but said these were inevitable.

Officers elected: president, J. Bayliss; chairman, R. Fisher; secretary, A. Page; treasurer, J. Richardson; committee: G. Randell, J. Hanlon, F. Hanlon, P. Butterfield, Miss C. Moreton; auditor, G. Fone.